



CORANGAMITE

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Keeping minds and bodies active

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2019

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A word from the U3A President

One month in and our 150 members are well into a variety of courses/activities. Our day in January really set the scene with around 90 present. We hope you were able to come away well prepared for your choices. We thank those who were able to attend. We encourage you to share this newsletter with friends so that they may become members and enjoy the programs just as you do.

Further in this newsletter are some new courses and each month this will continue as programs are found.

One area we would like to highlight is that once you put your name down for a course, unless arrangements change you won't receive a reminder. This helps our contact person immensely with his/her time. If you can't make it, we ask you to apologise as early as you can.

At the AGM several members asked about car pooling where travel is required. If you want to be part of a car-pool list please respond to me by February on gazzmazz3@gmail.com or 04 3907 9098 and we can pass this on to leaders.

Our committee, listed elsewhere in the newsletter, is still one member short. We have always attempted to have people from all parts of the Shire. At the moment we have no rep from the South. If anyone is interested in joining please contact me by 25th February. However we are delighted to welcome to the Committee new members Karen Richardson and Trish Taylor, both from Camperdown.

Our organisation is different to many others in that we do not meet as a whole group on a regular basis. In fact we will meet three times during this year: AGM/Course day, the mid-year lunch which will be on Wednesday 12th June and the end-of-year lunch which will be on Wednesday 20th November. Full details of these two functions will be given in due course in future newsletters.

During March, myself and Marilyn will be away for all of March and Secretary David Mernagh will be away from 24th February through to 10th March; all of us will be off both the e-mail and phone grid.

In our absence, alternative people to contact for March programs are:

- for any general queries, please contact either Dominique Fowler on 04 3891 8337 or Linda Castaldo on 04 3845 7825
- Let's Do Lunch - Linda Castaldo 04 3845 7825
- Current Affairs - Val Maynard 5595 1768
- Tea and Tour for Ten - 21st March Judith Sarto 04 3132 5881
- Travel Tales - Frank Martin 04 2836 3375
- Singing - Gwen Steele 5595 1424
- Movies - Don McInnes 04 4823 0248

Name Our Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter needs a name!!! Therefore we are running a competition to give it that name.

Suggestions can be sent to u3acorangamite@gmail.com by 31st March and the winning entrant will receive a U3A voucher to use at a U3A course. We would like to see the name encompassing our Shire, its highlights and our group as a whole. Good luck!!!

Suggestions from the AGM

There were many suggestions provided in the suggestion box at the AGM. These are what we received.

At our recent Committee meeting we discussed them and these are our thoughts

- Let's Do Lunch - Cape Otway Light Station & Spud Shed Lavers Hill - we will investigate them.
- "I only paid the night before and I was on the list!" - it was great to get that positive feedback.
- Tea and Tour for Ten: with all the historic properties in the area would it be possible to visit 1 or 2 of them?
Please help us out by giving us names and contacts.
- War on Waste: do we need a new card and plastic holder every year? - no we agree from now on you'll just receive a membership card. The lanyard and plastic holder stays with you and will continue to be used.
- Can we have Mahjong in Cobden on Wednesday or Friday morning? We have looked at the possibility and Mahjong@ Cobden will start on Friday 12th April.

**Gary Kimber
President**

NEW COURSES

**** Please note:** Because of the great response to programs, when you ring to book you may have to be placed on a waiting list for that program.

LET'S DO LUNCH

Wednesday 10th April @ 12.30pm

Lismore Golf Club - Thai cuisine

Bookings to Gary Kimber on gazzmazz3@gmail.com or phone 04 3907 9098 from 2nd - 6th April

Bookings by 6th April

TEA AND TOUR FOR TEN

Thursday 11th April @, 1.30pm - Cobdenhealth Education Centre

"What Happened to the Old Cobden Theatre?"

New owners Scott and Chelsea and Alma McDonald will tell you about the history of the building, the restoration and future plans!

Cost \$10. Devonshire tea provided

Bookings to Marilyn on 04 3758 4998 or mazz060253@gmail.com by 8th April

TRAVEL TALES

Friday 26th April @ 1.30pm @ Cobdenhealth Education Room

Steve Bloxham, Terang RSL President

"Experiences on the WW1 Battlefields"

Steve Bloxham is a well known local war historian who will share his experiences of his tour of the old battlefields - The Somme and Flanders. Steve will also tell us about his navy service, the transformation of the Terang RSL and the tram restoration project. As well as a power point presentation Steve will have some battlefield artefacts to show.

Bookings to Marilyn on 04 3758 4998 or mazz060253@gmail.com by 22nd April

MAHJONG @ COBDEN

Friday 12th April 10.00am - 12noon @ Cobdenhealth Education Room

Beginners very welcome chance to learn how to play.

Course Leader: Christine Honeycombe 04 1431 5066

COURSE AMENDMENTS

APPY HOURS COBDEN

Please note this is now on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month and not weekly

LIFE DRAWING

Please note: change of dates from those listed in the February newsletter
The 4 sessions are now on Wednesdays April 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th from 12 noon to 3PM.

LET'S DO POTTERY

Please not: the time for this class is 10AM - 4PM: an incorrect time was listed on the course sheet on enrolment day. Contact Alison Gebert on 5598 3988 for bookings and to check vacancies

LET'S DO MORE OPERA

For those members who have enrolled in this course, **please note** that there is a change of date from those listed in the February newsletter.

As U3A Committee Meetings are now being held on the 2nd Tuesday of month in 2019 rather than the 3rd Tuesday, the opera sessions will now be one week earlier than previously advertised: on Tuesday @ 10am commencing 7th May with the repeat session on Thursday @ 2pm commencing on 23rd May. There are currently no vacancies for these sessions.

FRIDAY FORUM

As the third Friday in April is Good Friday, **please note** that in April the Friday Forum will be on **Friday 12th April @ 1.30pm**, Camperdown Community House.

The guest for this event is Major Bishan Dewan whose talk will be "*Britain's Gurkha Soldiers*". He will do a powerpoint display and will bring his computer. Major Dewan's talk will include the history of the Gurkha soldiers, who they are and how they are recruited, as well as conflicts from 18th and 19th centuries to the present day.

Bookings: Eve Black 5592 5333 or mounnoorat@outlook.com by 8th April

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH & APRIL

Make sure to check the courses calendar and courses list below to see what great events are being held during March and April. More programs will be added as they become available



For photos of recent U3A events, go to the U3A Corangamite *Facebook* page and share us.

Every weekend a reminder of the upcoming week's programs will be placed on the U3A Corangamite *Facebook* page. Please like it, share it, tag it etc. so we can get it out as widely as possible.

For further information contact us via e-mail: u3acorangamite@gmail.com

OR

U3A Corangamite Website

The website address is: <https://u3acorangamite.org.au>

Please note: Good Friday 19th April, Easter Monday 22nd April and Anzac Day 25th April are public holidays - **no U3A activities on these days**

TEA & TOUR FOR TEN: MEMBERS' VISIT TO CAMPERDOWN'S BENEDICTINE ABBEY

I have visited the Abbey on a number of occasions, alone and with visitors in town; however, I have never been privileged to hear "the talk". On our recent Tea & Tour for Ten, it was wonderful to have Sister Raffaele give us the history of the Abbey, the story of St Benedict, and then with Dom, a tour of the buildings, gardens, and of course the church. I have always loved the absence of stained glass windows in the church; looking out onto the surrounding countryside is in itself a spiritual experience. With only Sister and Dom now in residence, it is remarkable that these two (not so young) people, with the help of some volunteers, can keep the place going. It is a credit to them. After our tour we enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea, thanks to Marilyn, and were very happy to make a donation to the Abbey. If you have never visited, do try and make some time to call in. You will not be disappointed.

Eve Black

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Here is the list of members of the U3A Corangamite Committee in 2019

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